



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 136

**DISASTER DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS AND
THE TOWN OF GASTON**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Emergency Management Act, Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, authorizes the issuance of a disaster declaration for an emergency area as defined in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.3(7) and categorizing the disaster as a Type I, Type II or Type III disaster as defined in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.21(b); and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2012, the City of Roanoke Rapids, located in Halifax County, North Carolina and the Town of Gaston, located in Northampton County, North Carolina were impacted by severe flooding; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the damage from the severe flooding, the City of Roanoke Rapids and Town of Gaston declared local states of emergency on August 25, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a joint preliminary damage assessment was done by local, state and federal emergency management officials on August 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that a Type I disaster, as defined in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.21(b)(1), exists in the State of North Carolina, specifically in the City of Roanoke Rapids and Town of Gaston; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.21, the criteria for a Type I disaster are met if: (1) the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety has provided a preliminary damage assessment to the Governor; (2) the City of Roanoke Rapids and Town of Gaston have declared local states of emergency pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.22; (3) the preliminary damage assessment has met or exceeded the State infrastructure criteria set out in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.41(b)(2)a.; and (4) a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act has not been declared; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.41(b), if a Type I disaster is declared, the Governor may make State funds available for disaster assistance in the form of individual assistance and public assistance for recovery from those disasters for which federal assistance